

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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CONCESSIONAL AIR TICKETS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
MAHESHWAR SINGH

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether senior citizens and certain other categories are given 50 per cent concession in the domestic flights of Indian Airlines;
- (b) if so, whether the said concession has been withdrawn in the case of Shimla-Delhi, Shimla-Kullu and some other domestic flights of Himachal Pradesh for some time;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which the said facility is likely to be restored for senior citizens of hilly and backward regions?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b), (c) and (d): Presently, Indian Airlines operates flights to Shimla, Kullu and Dharamshala in Himachal Pradesh, with the small size Dornier aircraft which has limited saleable capacity of 15 seats. Since operations with Dornier aircraft is highly uneconomical, no concessional fares are offered on the flights operated by this aircraft.